

# GIFTED & TALENTED

## Manitou Springs School District 14

### Literature

#### **Beautiful Risks: Having the Courage to Teach and Learn Creatively**

By Ronald Beghetto

This book is about knowing when creative action is worth the risk and when it is not. This includes developing the awareness, courage, and confidence to support and take risks when it is beneficial to do so in the classroom. It also includes being able to recognize when certain risks should be avoided. The key is knowing when and how to take creative action in a way that not only makes sense for the situation at hand, but also stands to make a positive contribution to others.

### Podcasts

#### **Mind Matters**

Emily Kircher-Morris, LPC has dual Masters degrees in Counseling and Education, and specializes in the area of giftedness throughout the lifespan.

Episode 46: Allowing for Uncertainty

### Activities

#### **Create a Stop Motion Animation**

(Find a space, use favorite objects, write a script)

## Nurturing Creativity through SCAMPER

*“Creativity is the process of bringing something new into being...”*

-Rollo May (writer, philosopher)

SCAMPER is a strategy designed to enhance creative brainstorming. The SCAMPER technique is based on the idea that every creation is in some way, shape, or form an adaptation of something that already exists. Each letter of SCAMPER represents a different method to tinker with an idea, product, or process. The purpose of the acronym is to stimulate the formation of new, unique ideas.

**S** = Substitute Something

**C** = Combine it with something else

**A** = Adapt something (another idea, part, process, etc.)

**M** = Modify, magnify, or minimize

**P** = Put to other uses

**E** = Eliminate (or simplify) something

**R** = Rearrange (or reverse)

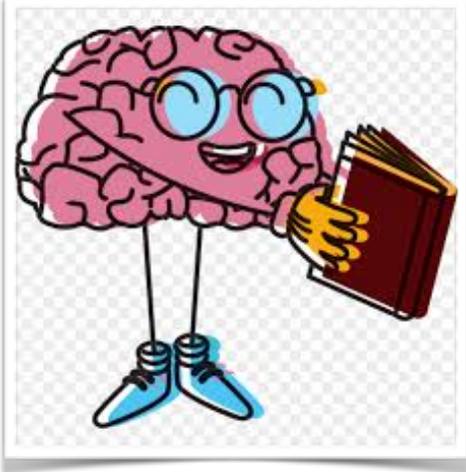
In utilizing SCAMPER students develop their problem-solving skills and embrace “outside of the box thinking”. SCAMPER can be applied to a variety of situations both at home and at school.

### SCAMPER RESOURCES

[SCAMPER a creative thinking technique](#)

[SmartStorming: 50 SCAMPER Questions](#)



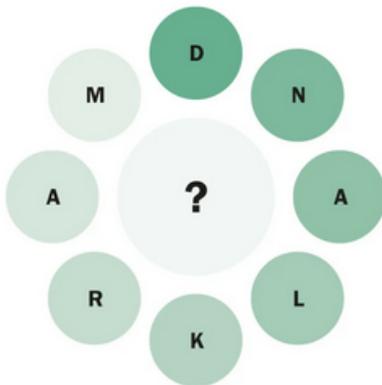


## Brain teasers

Can you solve these Mensa puzzles?

### 1 WORD WHEEL

Can you spot the eight-letter word wrapped around the question mark?



### 2 CALENDAR CONUNDRUM

If today is Monday, what is the day after the day before the day before tomorrow?

## 2019 Mensa Boardgames

Architects of the West Kingdom,  
Gizmos  
Gunkimono  
Planet  
Victorian Masterminds

## CAGT INFORMATION

### Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented

CAGT is a nonprofit advocacy organization with a 40 year history of providing information, leadership and support to gifted young people, their families and educators of gifted young people in Colorado. By way of affiliate members across the state, CAGT endeavors to keep policy makers and all school districts aware of the issues surrounding gifted education. The CAGT Conference took place this past October. Below are some resources from speakers and keynote presenters from this year's CAGT Conference.

#### Young Adult Author

Jenna Lincoln is the author of [The Protector Project trilogy](#). She loves to read, write, and talk about reading and writing. Buoyed by coffee and a truly immature sense of humor, Jenna has taught grades 5-10, mentored teachers, and coordinated gifted programming. Currently a creative writing teacher and writing specialist, Jenna enjoys working with student writers and teachers as they develop and hone their craft skills.

#### Gifted Guru

Gifted Guru is a website for everyone interested in or passionate about gifted kids (and even adults!). You can expect to find practical and useful resources, tips and tricks o' the trade for parents and educators.

#### Doing Poorly on Purpose: Strategies to Reverse

#### Underachievement and Respect Student Dignity by Jim Delisle

Dr. James R. Delisle has taught gifted children and those who work on their behalf for more than 39 years.

## RESOURCES

### Community Programming

Bemis School of Fine Arts

Colorado Springs Childrens' Chorale

Colorado Springs Conservatory

Colorado Springs Youth Symphony

Center for Bright Kids Regional Talent Development

University of Northern Colorado Summer Program

# ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Some of the opportunities below align with *multiple age groups*. Click on the underlined titles for more information.

## MORE Brainteasers



AHW EVES-ETTEL  
ROW NINAEM  
“SENISUB TAICOSSA”  
LIW MOCEB  
EHTONA ROW  
NINAEM “RUTPAC”  
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ANIF ETTTEL NA RUT  
I RAWKCAB

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[Gifted & Talented Website](#)

## Elementary School

Legos & Robotics: Children’s Library Programs, S.T.E.A.M., Tween Library Programs: Come build LEGOS and modular robotics.

Collaborative Art: Winter Aspen Trees: Celebrate Colorado’s natural environment by collaborating on a winter aspen grove art piece to display in your library! We will use pastels and paper to make our own mini aspen groves that will be combined into a community masterpiece. For ages 9 - 12.

## Middle School

Free Concert: Enjoy the mellow classical sounds of Classical Guitarist Wayne Hammerstadt at a free concert hosted by the Manitou Springs Heritage Center and sponsored by the Manitou Music Foundation.

53-Word Story Contest: It’s free, it’s fun, and the winner gets published in Prime Number Magazine and receives a free book from Press 53.

## High School

Project Podcast: From storytelling to interviewing to editing to producing, come and learn the elements and techniques of podcasting, while also analyzing popular podcasts. The class will culminate with students scripting, creating, and producing their own podcasts.

Evidence: Finding the facts about General William Jackson Palmer. By examining newly unearthed archeological evidence along with extensive archival materials, Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum visitors will test assumptions, challenge myths, and gain new insights into General Palmer and his family.

End of Year Holiday Space Bash at the Space Foundation

Discovery Center: December 21st. Make a holiday decoration in the 3D printing workshop, visit the virtual reality and Mars robotics labs, and review the year in space.

